

Judicial Education Committee
Friday, July 21, 2006
Via Conference Call

1. **Committee Members Present.** Mark Bailey, Ted Boehm, Chris Burnham, Steve David, Darrin Dolehanty, Jane Magnus Stinson, John Rader, Jim Williams and Ted Todd.
2. **Staff Present.** Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis and Anne Jordan.
3. **Minutes.** The minutes from the May meeting were approved as submitted.
4. **Preview of the Annual Meeting.** The committee reviewed a grid showing proposed sessions for the Annual Meeting in September.
 - a. Staff summarized the conference schedule day by day. Other suggestions for the Thursday early bird sessions if space permits include surety bonds, pro bono opportunities for judges, GAL/CASA funding.
 - b. Staff reported there will be at least 3.5 hours of ethics offered.
 - c. Justice Boehm indicated he would check with the other members of the Supreme Court to see if they have any additional items for the Thursday plenary session on the “Business of Judging.”
5. **Report on Upcoming Conferences Scheduled for 2006.**
 - a. Indiana Traffic Court Technology Conference, October 12-13. Vicki Davis reported that this conference is being offered in lieu of the annual city and town court judges program. Attendance will be limited to 135 participants including all city/town court judges and 60 trial level judicial officers. This is a national program developed by the ABA’s Judicial Division National Conference of Specialized Court Judges, of which Mike Witte serves as the chair.
 - b. Pre-Bench Orientation, December 6-7. Discussion was had concerning mandatory attendance by magistrates. It was felt that they don’t need the “political cover” like elected officials do, so the Order does not need to apply to them.
 - c. Winter Conference, December 8. The program will be on Domestic Violence. Staff reported receiving strong faculty recommendations from Ruth Reichard as well as from the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence and would be soon making faculty contacts.
6. **2007 Programs.**
 - a. General Orientation Program, January 23-26 . Committee members agreed this is a ‘well oiled machine’ and we should expect it to run smoothly.
 - b. The committee agreed that a session on protection orders should be added to the schedule of the general orientation since they are intensely “administrative” in a nature.
 - c. Orientation for New Juvenile Court Judicial Officers. The date for this is not yet set, but will likely be in early February.
 - d. Spring Judicial College, April 18-20. A handout of tentative courses was provided. Justice Boehm reported on the Law and Economics course. He advised that the Supreme Court does not want to get involved with an

organization that is funded by an outside entity, but that the overall topic of law and economics is an acceptable course topic. Judge Burnham requested a Continuity of Operations program on post-Katrina issues, saying that his court learned a lot by having to work outside of their courtroom for 1.5 years. Judge David asked that we revisit child hearsay in family law cases. Judge Witte liked the idea of doing a program on DUI cases and offered to put together such a program perhaps with Judge Penrod, Judge Dolehanty and Judge Vicki Carmichael, Jeffersonville City Court. The committee liked the idea of having Prof. Michael Jenuwine tailor a program on mental health issues for adults.

- e. Graduate Program, June 3-8 (second year).
- f. Annual Meeting for Juvenile Court Judicial Officers, June 21-22 (*tentative*).
- g. Annual Meeting of Judicial Conference, September 19-21, Fort Wayne. Staff reminded the committee that we were unable to secure space in Indianapolis for 2007, which explains why we are in Ft. Wayne.
- h. Domestic Relations Workshop – November 15-16 (*tentative*).
- i. Winter Conference – December 7.

7. **Additional items for discussion.**

Earl Penrod is going off of the committee as chair. Mike Witte and Ted Todd will also be rotating off the committee this year. Kudos all the way around!

8. **Next Meeting Date: Currently scheduled for Friday, October 13, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.** (*As this date conflicts with the Traffic Court Technology Conference, it will need be rescheduled.*)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Jordan
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